MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Further information had to be got so far as the convening of the committee was concerned. It was also learnt that a section of the community opposed the Bill. Government had to consider whether it was necessary to nominate a member representing that section. These facts contributed to the delay.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether the Government think that a Bill is not necessary as it is a repealing one?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The Government have no such idea. The Bill is in the House and it has been referred to a select committee.

MR. PULIYOOR T P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Whose duty it is to fix up dates for the non-official Bills?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The Convener.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know who the convener is?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Ordinarily the convener is the chairman of the committee itself.

The Ezhava Bill.

262. * **MR. M. G. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Trivandrum Town*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions and memorials from the Misradayee Ezhavas of Travancore who are opposed to the Ezhava Bill introduced by Mr. N. R. Krishnan;

(*b*) the prayers contained in them; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action on them, and, if so, what?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The only prayer is that certain persons representing the Misradayee Ezhavas who are opposed to the measure should be co-opted to the Assembly for the purpose of the Bill.

(*c*) Yes; a Misradayee Ezhava has been co-opted to the Assembly for the purpose of the Bill.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the approximate number of Misradayee Ezhava families in the State?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice, Sir. It is a very large question which cannot be answered off-hand.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the approximate number?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is very difficult to ascertain now.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether there is any member to represent the Misradayee Ezhavas in the State Council?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The Bill is before the Assembly which has referred it to a Select Committee. The Bill is not before the State Council. Therefore I do not see the relevancy of the question here.

PRESIDENT: I suppose what has happened in the Secretariat might have got out. The information that some proposals are going on to nominate a member for the Council might have leaked out.

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MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the number of representations received from the Misradayee Ezhavas?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: One has been received by Government.

Punishment of Police Inspectors.

263 * **MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Police Inspectors dismissed from service during the last year and the current year; and

(*b*) the nature of their guilt?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) One.

(*b*) He was discharged for grave misconduct involving corrupt practices.

Appointments and promotions made by Mr. Sundararajan.

264 * **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have or the Accountant-General has received any complaint about the appointments and the promotions made by Mr. Sundararajan while he was the Accountant-General?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the duties of the Financial Secretary*): No.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that certain clerks or typists are moving about during the session time of the Legislature approaching the members with their complaints about promotions and appointments?

PRESIDENT: I have heard of that especially with regard to appointments. I have heard that certain appointments and promotions made in this Department have led to certain people going about and approaching members of the Assembly and editors of newspapers. I have got the names of some of those people with me and what action Government will take on them will be seen shortly.

Appointments in the Accountant General's office.

265. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any post was recently created in the Accountant General's office in the higher grade which was subsequently abolished; and

(*b*) the necessity for such creation and subsequent abolition, with the name of the person benefited thereby?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: (*a*) Yes. A temporary post of Assistant Superintendent on Rs. 100-125 from 1-6-1116 to the end of Kumbham 1116.

(*b*) In connection with the special work of compilation of the Finance and Revenue Accounts for the year 1115 and the Budget Memorandum for 1117. The post was abolished on the completion of the work (after two months). Mr. G. Harihara Aiyar M. A., B. L., was appointed to the post.

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